The time taken in some other countries, as per the Annual Report, 1998, of WTO is given below:

S. No.	Name of the Country	Average duration in days*
1	Austrialia	150
2	New Zealand	166
3	South Africa	379
4	Brazil	391
5	Mexico	492

*Average days between initiation and imposition of provisional measures.

Projects cleared in 1998-99

1836. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign technical and financial projects have been cleared in 1998-99;

(b) the details of the projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that 90 percent of the projects goes to Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether it would not lead to another spate of regional imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Sir, 564 technical and 1267 financial foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals have been approved during April, 1998 to March, 1999. The details of the FDI proposals, including technical collaborations approved are incorporated in Monthly SIA newsletters brought out by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, which are widely circulated including the Library of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Investment by the foreign entrepreneurs in a State depends on various factors such as degree of development of industry and financial infrastructure, the potential size of the market, skilled human and natural resources of the State and also the discal and other incentives provided by the State Government and above all the commercial judgement of the investor.

Upgradation of ITIs in Assam

1837. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes presently functioning in the State of Assam under the Ninth five-Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to upgrade the above Institutes in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present for upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes in the State of Assam. However, 28 States/Union Territories including Assam participated in a World Bank assisted Vocational Training Project which closed on 31.12.98. Under this project, 13 Government Industrial Training Institutes in Assam were upgraded.

Export of spices and eatables from Andhra Pradesh

1838. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fruits, vegetables, spices and other food items exported from Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; item-wise and year-wise; and

(b) their effect on domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Details of the quantity of fruits, vegetables, spices and other food items exported from Andhra Pradesh is not available as State-wise data on exports is not maintained.